

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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March 27, 2000

Mr. Ware F. Schiefer, President
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 33068
Charlotte, NC 28233

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Re: Docket No. 99-00994

Dear Mr. Schiefer:

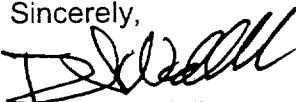
To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed December 30, 1999 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish six copies of the information itemized in the attachment to this letter titled, Staff Request March 27, 2000.

Please comply with the following instructions for compiling the data requested:

1. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a loose-leaf binder with each item tabbed. Each response should begin by restating the item(s) requested.
2. Where a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6.
3. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible.

If there is a need for clarification of this request, please contact Michael Horne at (615) 741-2904, extension 174 before furnishing the response. Please furnish the requested information by April 10, 2000.

Sincerely,


David Waddell
Executive Secretary

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Attachment

cc: Ted G. Pappas
Jerry W. Amos
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Legal Division
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NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY

STAFF REQUEST

March 27, 2000

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EXPENSES

70. Provide a schedule of Corporate employees for the 12 months ended August 31, 1999. For each employee, identify the annual salary at August 31, 1999, the review month and percent salary increase projected for the years ended August 2000 and August 2001. For those employees working only a partial year, give dates of employment. Also, indicate any anticipated changes in employment levels during 2000 and 2001.
71. Provide Company workpapers showing calculation of the \$3,514,357 in Corporate allocated payroll expense included in the attrition year Salaries and Wages on Company schedule SW-1.
72. Refer to Company's response to Staff request # 17 for requests 72 through 76.
- For the Hourly employee priceout, provide the estimated month of hire for the new additions listed on page 13 of the Company's response to Staff Request # 17.
73. Provide a copy of the current union contract.
74. For the Salaried employee priceout, provide the review month for each employee listed and the percent salary increase projected for fiscal year 2000 and 2001.
75. Provide verification of annual salary at September 14, 1999 for the following salaried employees (taken from the list of employees provided in Company response to Staff Request # 17):
- Employee # 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, and 79.
76. Provide verification of annual salary at September 14, 1999 for the following hourly employees (taken from the list of employees provided in Company response to Staff Request #17):

Employee #	9	18	25	32	47
	59	63	78	81	96
	111	124	128	130	144
	152	166	176	185	195
	216	235	243	254	

77. Provide a copy of the latest Actuarial Report for Employee Benefits, including Pension Contribution.
78. Provide support and calculation of the following numbers in the Company's calculation of Employee Pension Plan Expense on Schedule BEN-1:

FASB 87 Expense	\$263,759
Amortization of Deferred Pension Expense	\$508,047

79. Provide detailed Company calculation (and supporting documentation) for the LNG Power Attrition Period amount of \$814,530 shown on Schedule DIST-2.
80. Provide a list of account numbers included in each category of Administrative and General Expense listed on Schedule AG-1.
81. Provide supporting documentation of the estimated cost of \$102,500 for the current rate case, included in the Regulatory Commission Expense for the attrition period on Schedule AG-2.
82. Provide detail and calculation of the \$88,449 Other Regulatory amount included in the Regulatory Commission Expense.
83. Provide detail of Company calculation of the following attrition period amounts shown on Schedule AG-1:

Rents	\$201,818
Long Term Incentive Plan	\$402,553

84. Please reconcile the difference between the Depreciation Expense of \$14,960,513 shown on Schedule DEPR-1 and the sum of the monthly depreciation expense for the attrition period shown on Schedules DEPR-2 through DEPR-5 of \$13,636,528.
85. For the test period (12MTD 8/31/99), total Tennessee expenses are divided on the Company filing as follows:

Payroll	\$13,642,959
Non-payroll	<u>\$16,345,814</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$29,988,773</u>

The financial statements provided to Staff on a monthly basis show:

TN Direct Expense	\$17,211,170
Corp Allocated Expense	<u>\$12,777,603</u>
Total TN Expense (including Payroll)	<u>\$29,988,773</u>

Provide a detail of the Corporate allocated expense of \$12,777,603 broken down between payroll and non-payroll by account number.

86. Provide the same detail of the Corporate allocated expense of \$11,529,363 for the 12 months ended August 31, 1998:

TN Direct Expense	\$16,126,379
Corp Allocated Expense	<u>\$11,529,363</u>
Total TN Expense (including Payroll)	<u>\$27,655,742</u>